

# Press Release

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### Office of the County Executive



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## Wanda Bhola April Employee of the Month

(Bel Air, MD) - - Wanda Bhola, Housing Services Coordinator with the Department of Community Services has been named "Employee of the Month" for April 2013. Ms. Bhola was nominated by Elizabeth S. Hendrix, Director of the Department of Community Services.

Ms. Bhola was nominated for her efforts in coordinating and facilitating a county-wide count of Harford County's homeless population in January of this year. Ms. Bhola worked to bring together faith based groups, non-profit agencies, law enforcement, concerned citizens and county employees to serve as outreach teams for the count.

In her nomination, Director Hendrix stated, "To ensure the outreach teams reached all possible homeless individuals, Ms. Bhola worked months in advance with mental health providers, church groups, police and non-profit groups to identify where homeless persons are located. In addition to providing this information to the outreach team, she also organized the collection of care kits of food vouchers, blankets, bus passes and emergency supplies to give to each homeless person encountered during the county".

Director Hendrix added, "the information collected from the Homeless Point-In-Time Count will be used to provide better coordinated services to those in need as well as to help us apply for grant funds to serve the low income in Harford County".

Commenting on being recognized as "Employee of the Month" for April, Ms. Bhola said, "I am honored by the recognition of my Director, Beth Hendrix, and appreciate all the efforts of the non-profits, faith based organizations, and volunteers that work with the homeless population in Harford County on a daily basis".

"During one of the coldest days of the year, Wanda Bhola and a dedicated, well organized team worked tirelessly to help the Department of Community Services gather the annual count of the homeless population in Harford County," County Executive David R. Craig said. "I commend Wanda for her efforts in reaching out to help some of our most vulnerable citizens and look forward to her continued service to the people of Harford County," Craig remarked.

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